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CONFERENCE OF NON FOSSIL FUEL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the international conference on non fossil fuel generation was recently held in New Delhi to examine the possibility of connecting hydel and thermal power to improve the grid stability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of countries participated in the conference;

(d) the detailed deliberations made in the Conference and outcome thereof; and

(e) the future course of action being prepared by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : An International Conference and Business Meet on Non-fossil fuelGeneration was held during 5th to 7th February, 2002 in New Delhi with the objective ofbringing international investors, power majors and institutions face to face with the opportunities available for development in hydro nuclear and renewable energy sectors in India.

(c) : Representatives from eight countries namely, Austria, Norway, Germany, France, Japan, Denmark, Switzerland and United Kingdom, participated in the Conference.

(d) : During the Conference, deliberations on hydro power potential and prospects, technology upgradation and innovations in hydro sector, rehabilitation and resettlement, joint ventures, financing of hydro projects, accelerated development of hydro projects etc. were held. Road shows were also held in which several States and the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) presented the investment opportunities available in the hydro and renewable projects in India. There was a general consensus on the need to accelerate non-fossil fuel generation to reduce the over dependence on thermal generation.

(e) : The Government of India has already put in place a hydro policy toaccelerate hydro power development. The Central Electricity Authority has completed a ranking study of nearly 400 balance hydro power projects in major river basins in the country, and has initiated a state-wise dialogue with the State Governments. The Government of India has also increased budgetary support to central PSUs, involved in the development of hydro projects.